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Thank you for considering the attached letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing because I am in support of ending the antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. Microsoft's ability to operate under normal conditions remains compromised as long as the litigation continues, and settling the case according to the terms agreed upon in November would be the quickest and fairest way to move on.

The settlement is a reasonable conclusion to the case and will foster market growth for Microsoft's competitors, while still assuring the security of Windows. Easing restrictions on computer makers who license Windows will ultimately enable those companies to offer a broader selection of programs from competing developers. Given that, it seems as though the Department of Justice's goal would be achieved.

I am urging you to settle what has already been too long a case. The public and Microsoft are ready to put the matter behind them, and the government should be as well.

Sincerely,

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